Superconducting RF Technology

The View from 10,000 ft

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Motivation

- Recently produced superconducting modules have cost ~\$450k per active meter at operating gradients of 15 – 20 MV/m
- Estimates for the linear collider assume costs ~\$75k/m for twice the performance!



Frequently quoted cost models assume cavity/module unit costs are independent of gradient!

Combination of economies of scale and learning curves could buy us a factor of two
We need at least another two factors of two!

We need a new paradigm! New designs! New methods!
Our goal: an international partnership of national labs, universities and industries executing a coherent, integrated development program.





SRF Technology is Deployed Worldwide



USA: SNS at ORNL
CEBAF at JLab





400 MeV



Europe: LEP at CERN*
TTF at DESY

No longer in service



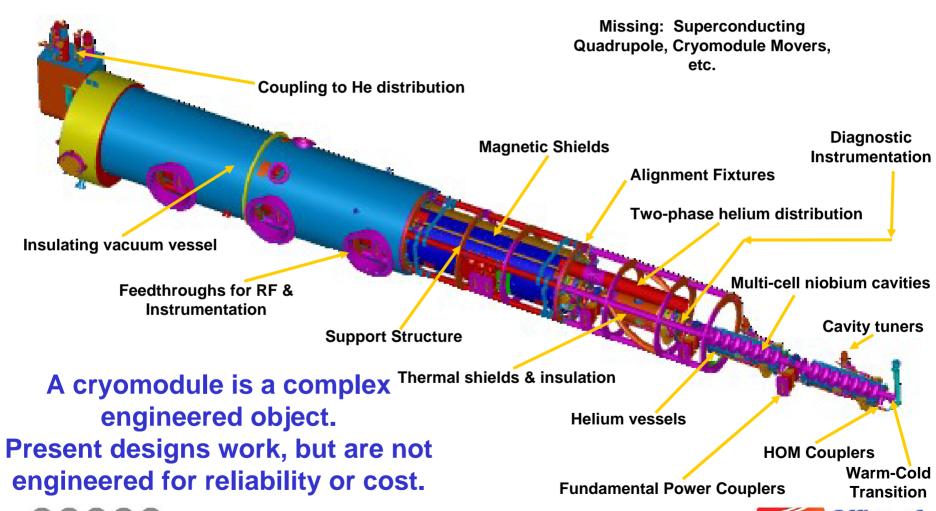




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Details vary, but ...

This model of a CEBAF Upgrade cryomodule is representative ...

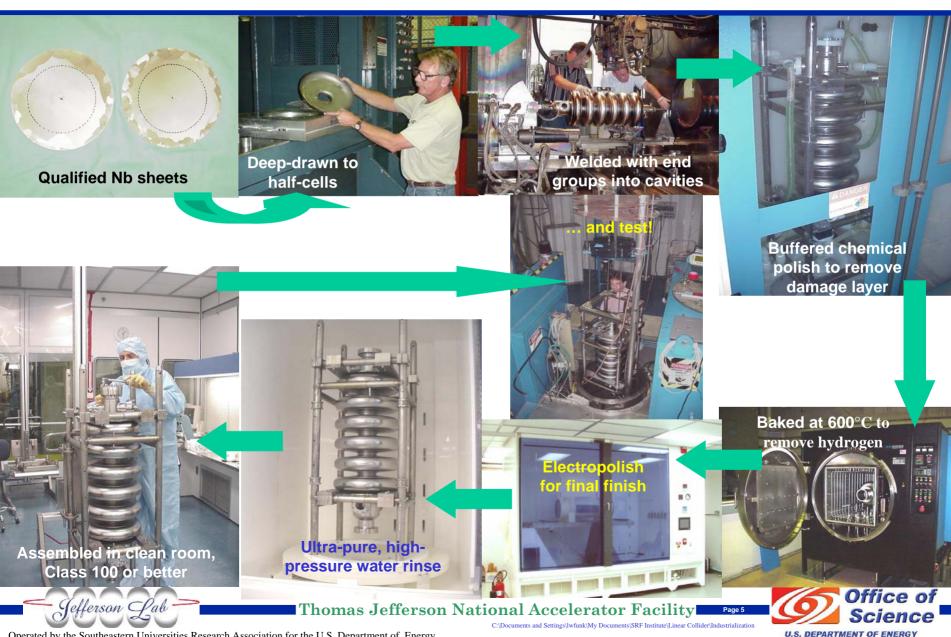


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Building Cavities



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Each of these major steps is composed of dozens of substeps – most of these have options to be investigated; all of them have quality control issues

Mike will have more details in his presentation





Building Cryomodules







Building Cryomodules

Assembly of a cryomodule is presently a long (6+ weeks) labor-intensive activity.

It costs about as much as assembling the cavity string and has the same impact on collider costs

We need a new design: simpler, with much more automated assembly





The Challenge

New model for R&D:

Major labs in every region have largely duplicative programs



Coordinate internationally to duplicate only where it adds value, increasing total technical reach

New model for design:

Design is a national lab responsibility



Create an international partnership among national labs, industry and academia to insure technical performance while designing for cost (ease of assembly; increased automation)

- Would something like Sematech work?
- Time is of the essense!



